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Dear Fr. Aguirre,

It seemed that Divine Providence answered my pleasings
since you were able to come to Dominguez yesterday.
However, God apparently wished me to abstain from
speaking to you since very little opportunity presented
itself. Since it is quite difficult for me to come to speak
to you I have decided to write. I realize that this is
not the best means for spiritual advice but under
the circumstances it will have to suffice. I have written
a short note to Fr. Mason asking him to deliver this
letter to you and likewise asking him to permit
you to answer it. Should he refuse, you will at least
know my difficulties and I trust you to find a way
to let me know your answer!!!!!! Should he grant
your request kindly enclose your letter in ~~another~~
~~an~~ ^{envelope} and put it inside another envelope. Address
the letter to me on Provincial House stationery and
don't put your name on the outer envelope at all.
That way I will get the letter and though it were from
the Provincial, the seal unbroken.
Without further ado I shall begin. Father, I am almost
frantic with worry over my vocation. I am bothered

with terrific temptations - extremely frequent - about the
married state, marital intimacy, the actual ~~intimacy~~ ^{intercourse},
the physiological nature of the appetite etc, and so forth
and so on. It would be useless for me to describe all
the types of temptations that I have to suffer from these
matters you can get an idea of my troubles.
I actually believe that I want these things; that I am
missing. ~~Further~~ it seems that I am not happy in God's
service, that I can be happy in the married life with
its intimacies as an outlet for all these drives. I
seem to have little strength against these thoughts.
In fact I seem to let my imagination run wild. No
matter how much effort I put against the temptations
it seems futile, for they are so strong and so vivid
I actually see in my mind's eye everything and every
detail very clearly - just as clearly as I see a person's face
when I speak to him. Against these odds I am helpless
spiritually, and even physically, for my mind tires due to
the intensity of the struggle, bringing on headaches and
increasing my restless fever.

You yourself told me that I have suffered more than
anyone in Rome. My religious life has been one continuous
temptation. I have felt very unhappy, because I see in these
temptations a force drawing me away from God and
I want to be near Him. Now I feel that there is no
happiness for me in the Religious life, in the priestly

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state. My ideals of the Religious life and Priesthood have always been very high, as you well know. I don't think that I could live up to those ideals with the happiness that God wished for me.

It just seems that I look for girls, pictures of them, and bad things about them. I have had little difficulty during my Religious life with obedience or poverty. All my trouble has been with chastity. How can I be a good, holy priest, how can I dare to assume the Priesthood being bothered like this? I cannot lock myself in my room when people are about.

I did not enter the Religious life, I did not begin my studies for the Priesthood, to harm myself. It seems that my motives for continuing are no good - fear of being drafted, fear of hurting my parents and friends by my departure. My ideals of the Priesthood ~~but~~ ^{do} not seem to stand upon going home for my first Mass, etc.

As a consequence of all these difficulties prayer is out of the question for me. I just feel there unable + unwilling to say anything but "Oh God, make me a good + holy Religious, keep me chaste + pure."

Your past advice was very counseling and helpful but in my present plight I don't know whether your past advice is

still applicable, with the same force. You told me that "the
Divine Will, the salvation of your own soul is keeping you
here in the Congregation" "Never, never doubt about your vocation."
In my Postulate Fr. Medeiros told you - "Our Lord is very pleased
with this soul (myself) and reveals that his greatest good for
souls will come from the interior life rather than the
apostolic life. He wished him to be very trusting in His love
and confidence." Then you once told me that I "should never
doubt my vocation. All that is from the devil. I should go straight
ahead to the Priesthood and beyond. No matter how much or how
often you are tempted with ideas of home - marriage - family life, etc.
and you will be tempted very strongly, tell Our Lord that you
are glad to offer Him this sacrifice. Do not play the coward
in regard to your vocation."

Fr. Milago has told me to forget these things. He said he
would assume the responsibility of my vocation. Yet I hesitate
to keep asking him if everything is all right.

So I beseech you, Father, to let me know how I will. Please
write a good sized letter explaining things to me, treating
as completely as possible all my difficulties and those herein
mentioned. You once said you would ask many holy souls
to pray for me, besides doing so yourself. I beg if you please
please, please, pray and have others pray very much for me. If
I ask God to take these troubles away they seem to become
worse. Please beseech Him to free me from weakness & confirm
me in that beautiful virtue.

Oh Father, I leave all in your hands. Please do not
hesitate to help my spiritual son. Please answer me as
soon as possible. I shall anxiously be awaiting a letter
Monday or Tuesday. God love you for your goodness.
Don't disappoint me. I'm counting on you.
In Cordi. Matres,
Pat Higgins, C. M. S.

Sábado 6 de Noviembre 1950

R. Padre Juan Luis de la Cruz

Mi querido tío:

Recibimos su grata y cariñosa del 22 de Octubre. Muchas gracias tío Juan Luis, por las oraciones que dirige al Cielo por mí, por que las veo palpablemente, en el trabajo, y en todos los lugares.

Parece que mi difunta abuela me ayuda mucho, en mis quehaceres personales. Desde luego ya le dirán los tíos sobre el incendio que hubo en la confitería, cuando la tía Luli y Natielme estaban en Roma, pero fue un mal rato para el tío Amantasio, por que fue a eso de las 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ de la mañana cuando todos los vecinos dormían, mi mamá también nos despertó a todos los de casa. El otro día hablando yo con una Sra. (cuyo nombre no quiero citar) me decía que Ud. había hecho milagros por aquí. ya que antes de ver a Ud. la tía Poli y la tía Luli no se hablaban y ahora son muy amigas, así como también se hablaban la tía Poli y las hermanas del tío Pedro, y ahora son muy amigas. van al cine juntas y etc.

Muy bien tío, como puede ver ha hecho

mucho bien por aqui.

Estoy muy contento, con la pluma estilográfica que me regaló Ud; me hace mucho servicio.

El tío Pacho parece que va bastante bien, por que debe de tener varios negocios entre manos, lo que hace falta es que le salgan bien.

Nos acordamos mucho de Ud. y hablamos durante las comidas de Ud; lo cariñoso y bueno que ha sido con nosotros.

Estoy muy contento con mi nuevo empleo.

Savienche, por ahora lleva muy bien los estudios.

Se despiden estos sus hermanos y nosotros que tanto le quisiere, muchos besos y abrazos de estos

Ampl

Por favor diga rogando por mi

Ampl

THE BUCKLEY SCHOOLS

Nov 7-1950.

Dear Father always,

As head of the Buckley
Schools, I have many problems - chiefly
they have to do with my spiritual progress.

I am wondering if you would
have the time to see me at least once
month, so you could advise and help
me. There is no doubt that God wants
my work, but as you well know the
instrument should be perfect - a
background of worldliness is a terrific
block.

Hoping to hear from you -
I could see you Thursdays from 3 to 4.30.
or Thursday evenings, preferably.

Respectfully -

Isabelle Buckley.

Please put personal on your reply.

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R. P. Juan Luis Olacuría Bilbao 2-11-50
Mi queridísimo tío:

Pero que alegría tan grande he recibido con tu carta. Ya me imaginaba que me contestarías pero como no lo esperaba tan pronto la sorpresa fue mayor. Como muy bien dices, no cabe duda de que la Abuelita cuida de todos nosotros desde el Cielo pero ahora y particularmente cae su gracia sobre mí de una manera bien clara. Antes era bastante dejada (espiritualmente) pero me he forjado el propósito de cambiar, voy todos los días a las 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ a vir la Santa Misa y a Comulgar (si puedo oigo dos Misas) y estoy tejiendo el Rosario siempre que logro reunir a toda la familia (casi siempre por las noches). Pero esta norma querido tío quiero que sea ya por toda la vida, mientras tanto trataré de perfeccionarme quitando todas mis numerosas faltas. No hay nada comparable a la felicidad producida por Jesús en nosotros cuando le recibimos. Soy muchas veces (en los días de fiesta) feliz para que vayamos juntos a cumplir con estas obligaciones. Soy muy contenta, porque conseguimos muy bien, y es además muy trabajador y profundamente creyente. La somos novio tío, así que sigue pidiendo por mí y para que si más adelante ha de ser mi esposo nuestra unión sea completa pero bendecida siempre por Jesús y María. De manera puedo seguir diciéndote que si que bien, te mandada besos y abrazos y el deseo de que también reces por ella. Mi papá y mi hermano trabajan mucho y muy bien de salud. Parece que sus relaciones son ahora más normales, se tratan un poco más intensamente y con más camaradería. A todos hemos dado tus saludos, recíbelos de ellos, ya sabes que te estiman en grado sumo y que tu influencia para nosotros ha sido grande muy grande.

Querido tío, ya sé que tienes muchas cosas que hacer siempre pero yo te escribiré siempre (todos los meses) si no puedes no contestes más que aquellas cartas que yo te pida. ¿Conformes verdad?

Recibe besos de mamá, papá y mi hermano, recuerdos de todas las chicas y muy especiales de tu Francisco así como el cariño y el agradecimiento de tu sobrina

María Pere

Si algo te valen mis oraciones, bace a lo tiempo que las tienes.

507 West 183rd.
n. y. c.

Rev dear Father,

I am writing you this note asking you if it is at all possible to offer the Holy Sacrifice on Nov 29th asking our dear Lord not to let them take my husband into the army, for on that morning he is called for induction he has ^{lost} General factured bones including his skull so ask our Lord to use this if its His Holy Will to keep him out We know what this war is and we want no part of it. Mrs Harmon is fine she is at Oresat visiting in Chicago I wonder if you remember me I wrote you once before This thing has me so upset I cant tell you how much, I know our Lord will listen to your request for us and I will write you later that you the out Come of that much now Areaked day.

Sincerely Marie C. Murphy.

Barcelona ,13 de noviembre de 1950

Rdo.P.Luis Ellacuria,C.M.F.
L O S A N G E L E S .

Muy amado Padre:

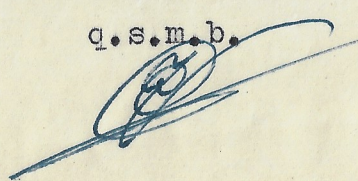
El 19 de octubre le escribí y le envié por aéreo las 71 reliquias que faltaban para dejar bien cumplimentado el contrato que hicimos en ROMA.

Después de tres largas semanas no he recibido todavía contestación alguna.Sería muy lamentable que se hubiese extraviado la carta,pues me fué muy difícil obtener las reliquias y acomodarlas en los aros pequeños,cosa que no acostumbra conceder el P.Bertrans de Vich y que lo hice a base de la limosna que yo ya le entregué y V.R. me había prometido 100 \$.De forma que yo he hecho efectiva al P.Bertrans la cantidad de 100 \$ y tan sólo he recibido 50 \$.

Ni de lejos pensar que V.R. no quiera cumplir con lo convenido,perjudicándome a mi muy notablemente. Pero me permito recordarle que su hermano sólo me ha girado 50 \$ por indicación de V.R. Faltan pues otros 50,que como le decía en mi anterior o bien su hermano me los entrega dándole V. la orden correspondiente,o bien V.R. entrega al P.José M^a Llobet a mi cuenta.

Suplicándole encarecidamente se digne contestar a mi cartas y arreglar nuestros asuntos,le saluda atte y es su afmo.s.s. y h^o in C.M.

q.s.m.b.



D. Tenga presente que las reliquias de 1^a clase no se obtienen sino a base de una limosna de 25 pts.

St. Patrick Academy

Momence, Illinois

J.M.J.

November 17, 1950

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria, C.M.F.
Immaculate Heart Novitiate,
Los Angeles, California.

Rev. dear Father:

I have been wanting to write to you for some time - but have not been able to bring myself to do so. This will be just a short S.O.S. asking for your prayers and also asking you to be kind enough to take care of the enclosed Mass intentions for me. Thank you.

The past three months have been filled with much sorrow, much suffering, and numerous severe trials. If only through it all, I could feel that it is really He Who is sending it, it would not be so difficult to bear. That is why I am asking for your prayers - that I may use all of this as a means of drawing closer to Him in place of drawing away from Him. There have been times when I have felt that perhaps I was losing my mind. My doctor assured me, however, that such was not the case. Rev. Mother made her visit here some weeks ago - for me, it was a repetition of last year's sorrow - only even worse. Rev. Mother was most severe, most hard, most misunderstanding, and most of everything else that could be imagined. My relations with her have gone from bad to worse. I now cannot speak to her at all. Everything I say or do, is either misunderstood or misinterpreted. Again I was accused of things which never even entered my head. While Rev. Mother was here, we had our monthly day of recollection. I think I have told you that we have a very saintly Jesuit this year who is really interested in helping the Sisters. I had a long talk with him in the confessional. Before Rev. Mother left - I spoke to her and told her that God seemed to be asking of me the sacrifice of trying to come to an understanding with her and that if she were willing, I wished to close the past and begin anew with her. Once many years ago when I had been tortured for years and wished to speak to Fr. Moisant, after years, he finally gave con-

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sent and then when I had the opportunity of speaking to him in the confessional, he would not permit me to speak. He told me to leave it all to Jesus - I did as he asked and have had perfect peace of soul concerning it. I felt the same in this case. Rev. Mother agreed and we parted more or less on good terms. Since her visit, however,

brooding and thinking over it all has brought back the same reaction. I think I told you that I became afflicted with arthritis the second day of school. A week later, I broke my arm. I am not permitted to kneel at all. I am to avoid going up and down stairs as much as possible. I go down in the morning to attend Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion. I take breakfast with the community. My other meals are brought up to me in my room. This has gone on now for weeks - I feel like an exile or outcast from the community. My not being around as much as usual has created difficulties in my work. My relations with some of the Sisters, particularly the younger Sisters, have not been too pleasant. All of this added together has brought much sorrow to me. Since Rev. Mother feels as she does and since we are not functioning properly together and since I am not physically able to carry the load, given me, may I not have your permission to ask to be relieved? I have thought frequently of writing to Mother General and telling her all but as I have told you before, this would seem a lack of loyalty to Mother Rose Mary. Apparently the only way I can get along with her is by keeping my thoughts to myself, doing as she asks where I can without injury to to my conscience and let the rest slide along. I have had a few very serious temptations against my vocation, too. I have not found the understanding, sympathy and affection which we have a right to find in our Sisters. I feel like an old useless object - while I was able to work as I did and accomplish all I did, all was well and good - now that I have become incapacitated, it is altogether a different story. I have been accused of listening to myself, of giving in, of being exaggerated, of on the point of losing my mind, etc., etc. - so much so, that at times I really wondered if all this was really true.

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All of these difficulties seemed to appear just as soon as my nephew Tommy left home. I offered much of the pain and suffering for him and begged God to give him the grace of finding himself. He did not remain at the seminary; he did not seem to feel that it was his place. This was a keen disappointment, too. My sister, Margaret, has taken it very hard. Please pray for her, Father, as she is not too well. Then, God gave a very wonderful grace - one of my nephews who had married out of the Church went to Father William our cousin the Carmelite, to see about being reinstated in the Church. Father William came to see me yesterday and told me all about it, although my brother had told me before. We consider this a wonderful grace and are most grateful to our dear Lord for it. The brother of this boy, however, is still outside the Church because of his marriage. I beg a memento for him that God may give him the grace to do the right thing.

I hope that you will find time to write, Father. I would appreciate your opinion on all of this. I seem to feel ^{almost} that even God has abandoned me - there is no joy in anything. All seems so humdrum - so useless - so everything unpleasant. I have begged and I do constantly beg for the grace to accept all as coming from Him and beg for the grace of having all of this bring me closer to Him. At times, He seems farther away than ever. When I think of death approaching, it frightens me; after so many years in religion, I should be closer to Him - yet, it seems that as the years go on, I only go farther and farther away from ^{him}. Please pray for me, Father. I beg your blessing.

Your grateful child in Him

Sister Mary Dolores
S.S.C.M.

"CUENTA DE CONCIENCIA"

(DOMINGUEZ SEM.-Nov.,22,1950)

Rv.P.Luis Ellacuría, C.M.F.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Carísimo Padre y Hermano en Jesús y María:

Previo mi cordial saludo, acelero la máquina para que cuanto antes llegue a sus manos esta retardada Relación Espiritual. Hago por estar tan ocupado, y estas ocupaciones me tienen tan entretenido, que casi voy perdiendo la noción del tiempo. Copio del Diario:

SEPTIEMBRE: -día:

- 2-Hoy he estado más recogido y devoto interiormente. Exteriormente he tenido pesadez de cabeza... Lo he ofrecido todo a Jesús y María, renovando de corazón mi Ofrenda de Amor. He practicado varias mortificaciones en la comida, de modo que casi he ayunado prácticamente. La pierna está bien. Deo gratias et Mariae!
- 4-The 32 Spanish Girls-dancers were guests of the College from noon up to 6 p.m. I could admire their simplicity, piety, modesty and chaste bashfulness, which is a propriety of the spanish woman. Some of them spoke to me confidentially. All seemed to me white doves amidst this worldly deluge of corruption and immorality invading all the corners of the States, especially during summer time. They were afraid even of going out over the streets of Los Angeles.
- 5-Starting of a new school-year. I made the oath antimodernistic with all awareness. And I feel it. Thanks be to God!
- 11-Trusting much in my remote preparedness, I have not seen all the possible difficulties, and God has permitted me to suffer some humiliations, having not proper answers ready for some objections. Perhaps the blessed Lord has permitted it too, because several faults of vanity of which I was guilty during summer, telling some people the subjects I received to teach, while experiencing some interior self-complacency. Now, oh my God, I thank Thee very much "quia humiliasti me", and I promise Thee to do my best in the future, and to trust in Thee only! Amen.
- 24-Las preocupaciones por las clases y bastante de incuria, han hecho que no haya apuntado el Diario estos días. Ello se me va haciendo cada vez más costoso. Si no fuera por habérmelo mandado el P. Director no volvería a anotar nada; sobre todo de lo referente a la parte positiva de la vida espiritual: (acciones de Dios... y obras propias, buenas al parecer.), siento gran repugnancia escribirlo.
- Fui a la Csa Provincial a tratar algunos asuntos, y entre ellos la Cuenta espiritual. La charla con el Padre Espiritual fue larga y de las más fervorosas y provechosas. Resumiendo sus consejos.... Del 3º propósito de los Ejercicios no me acuerdo lo que me dijo en concreto y no pude preguntarle antes de venir, por estar de prisa el Padre a quien yo acompañaba. Aguardaré pues a la siguiente.... También estoy en duda ^{si me fijo} que no usara de la imaginación en la oración. Procuraré hacerlo con la ayuda de J.M. y J.

27-In the meditation I needed to make great effort striving against the over-coming sleepiness. Today, as well as yesterday, I suffered a little from a cold I got the 25th. During these two days a deep feeling of the nothingness of every created thing of this world has impress my soul more and more. Even the science-so noble object-is nothing. And I feel utterly convinced that I am in this life and in the Congregation to be Saint, no to be wise, &&.. Everything is a mean for the unique term: SAINT. I went to the Doctor; he wants me to go again after two weeks. Permission was granted to leasen to the fighting for the box-championship of the world. I heard a strong voice in my heart, and after the 3rd. run I went to the chapel to say my Breviary. Then / came to my mind and impressed me that thought of St. Paul: "They fight and suffer propter corruptibilem coronam". And bashfulness invaded me because I suffer and work so little for my God...and great desire for mortification was awoken up in my will. Thank, be to J.M. and J. for ever and ever! Amen

OCTUBRE: -dia:

- 3-Hoy no pude decir la Misa propia de Sta. Teresita, porque no la tenía el Misal. Se me ocurrió decir al monaguillo que fuera a buscar otro misal; pero no lo hice porque me pareció que era llamar la atención; además de que no creo sea tan urgente la obligación de decir la Misa propia del Sto. -si no se tienen a mano- pues lo he visto hacer a otros en mismo caso, que he apuntado, sin que hicieran especial diligencia. Pero, de todos modos, mi conciencia se turbó un poco después y por eso lo refiero. Siento my especial simpatía hacia Sta. Teresita, de la que he recibido verios favores, y espero recibir otros.
- 6-One of my pupils brought out a difficulty in the class, whose satisfactory answer has taken me some precious time. It harmed my self-love a little bit, and excited in my interior some tiny movements of impaciencia. But I did all in my hand to control and kill them. I asked for help to Jesus and Mary, and They gave it to me. Praise and glory be to Them for ever! Amen.
- 7-I felt frequently impressions of my nothingness, and how I alone can do anything else, but to sin. Today through the confession have desapareared to little scrupuls that, involuntary pollution and the saying-not the proper Mass of St. Therese, had molested me since that day on. Thaks be to God!
- 8-Since yesterday till today evening I have had a head-ach. I offered it to God in union with the terrible head-eaches that the crown of thorns caused to my Jesus. Great desires of union with God, and of soltude and of detachment from the creatures have moved my heart. My meditation this morning was on the introduction and first chapter of the 1rst. Manssion of St. Theresa. It impresed me very much her obedience, simplicity and wonderful things she says about the soul. What a divine realities! I will do my best to know them better and to teach them to others. I asked it to St. Theresa and I hope she Will help me in thás. Amen.
- 9-In the class of Latin wihit the IIInd. year of Philosophy I suffered very much because the informality of some of them. But Jesus help me much in keeping myself patient. Thanks be to him!
- 10-He renunciado a asistir al banquete que tendrá lugar con ocasion de la Fiesta de la Hispanidad. Me repugna grandemente toda salida innecesaria y toda asistencia a lugares públicos que no sean sagrados. El Misionero Claretiano debe ser sólo para Dios y las almas.

Constitutions. In these occasions our Lord has given me very special lights for self-knowledge and very deep feelings of own nothingness. I see me far away from the top of the mountain to which those chapters lead, but still I think sincerely, -perhaps selfishness is deceiving me once more-, I am al-king toward it. And I hope I will mount it soon by the mercifull power of the One Who loves me with infinite love, and does everything in me and for me. Fiat! Amen.

This day in the evening they had show because we celebrate the Feast of our Holy Founder. But I renounced to it. Instead I went to pass a while in the chapel accompanying Jesus, Mary and our Founder. I said a Rosary, some prayers to our Founder and I made the Way of the Cross. Then I went to my room to study.

25-Several Fathers left for a ride to the Observatory of M. Willson. They invited me kindly; but I didn't go because I have renounce to any going-out-of-home which is not absolutely necessary, because I was a little tired, and most of all, because I love more to study and to keep my peace of soul; since the pure and peaceful soul is a wonderful sky adrned by the infinite shining and burning stars of the Divine Perfections. I like to contemplate the wonders of this world much better than any other ones.

27-Retiro espiritual. Recibo una carta que he dejado de leer para mañana. La he tenido todo el día sobre la mesa, a la vista, con el fin de tener más ocasiones de vincimiento que ofrecer al Sr. y a la Madre.

29-Hice hoy la meditación sobre la Moradas de S. Teresa Ia. c. 2, nn. 8-10. Y entendí cosas subidas sobre la humildad. Qué frecuente es olvidar la parte que a Dios toca en nuestra humildad! Y se me ocurrió componer un trabajo con el título "ontología de la humildad". Deus faciat! El sermón de esta mañana sobre "el ateísmo del Comunismo" me salió con gran fervor. Renuncié a ir al cine. El Señor me ha dado inmensa paz. Dios me llena completamente, No creaturas!

NOVIEMBRE: -día:

1-Ordenación del P. Powers. Aunque no tanto como en las ordenaciones anteriores no dejaron en esta de impresionarme "el jam non dicam Vos servos sed amicos meos" y el conferir la potestad de perdonar los pecados. Al terminar la ceremonia, ya nos estaban esperando un auto para ir a Wilmington a oficiar una Misa Solemne: yo de Diácono y Mr. Widmer de Subdiácono. Pero llegamos tarde. Uno de los Padres quería que nos vistieramos y que al terminar el sermón entráramos en la Iglesia para que la Misa que comenzara sólo cantada continuara solemne. Le expresé su servidor cómo aquello nos parecía un disparate contra la Liturgia; pero insistió diciendo que ya lo habían hecho otras veces así. Esto no me pareció razón convincente. Con todo, nos revestimos y me puse a reflexionar un poco sobre el disparate que íbamos a cometer, de hacerlo. Y casi al fin del sermón, le mandé llamar y le dije resueltamente que tuviera la bondad de dispensarnos, pero que nuestras conciencias no nos permitían hacer aquel disparate. Ante esta negativa, el accedió amablemente, y no salimos. Esperando por el auto que nos debía traer al Colegio, me dijo mi compañero que hacía algún tiempo lo había ofendido notablemente y que se sentía tal. Pero como en esto llegó el "driver", no me lo pudo decir. Aunque tuve tiempo para decirle que deseaba saberlo, que estaba dispuesto a darle de ello satisfacción cumplida. Prometió decírmelo en otra ocasión.

2-He sentido especial fervor en las tres Misas. Con el objeto de aprovecharme

- 11-Hoy he corregido la informalidad que anteayer hubo en la clase de Latín, y pedi perdón a los discípulos porque, con el fin de hacer algo de broma, llamé varias veces a un discípulo con un sobrenombre no ofensivo y que él recibió muy bien. Pero creí que debía pedirle perdón a él y los demás escandalizados, puesto que está prohibido al profesor de la Congregación llamar a los discípulos por otros nombres que no sean los propios. De nuevo me invitaron a asistir al banquete y renuncié.
- 12-Hoy he sentido gran desprendimiento de todo lo creado. Indiferencia absoluta respecto de todo. Deseos de mortificación. Procuro en las comidas renunciar a lo más exquisito. No bebo nada durante las comidas. Sólo agua al final. A veces esto es verdaderamente mortificación, porque no tomando nada absolutamente entre comidas y estando cansado por haber jugado y sudado, me siento deseos de beber. Pero Jesús y la Madre me ayudan y así puedo hacer esas mortificacioncitas que les agradan.
- 15-My meditation today was on the 1st. chap. of the First Manssion of St. Theresa. Oh, what a beautiful doctrine! May she get to me from God the grace of devoting all my life to study it and to teach it to all the world. I hope confidently. I preached this morning about the ofigens and capital doctrines of the Comunism. I did it with extraordinary energy. Blessed be God! and may all His enemies be converted! Amen.
- 16-I have some temptations of self-love and destrusting in other Brother. It helps me to know myself better, because through such temptations I can see clearly my interior so uncharitable, selfish and very attached yet to some creatures: as my studies, and the jobs received from my Superiores. And this happens after so many years of being religious. What a pity! But, oh my Jesus oh my Mother.... have mercy on me, and forgive me, and help me. Because I want to acquire, as soon as posible, that purity of heart and spirit do I need to be united soon to Thee in the tenderest and closest hug. Fiat!
- 17-All day long I have had much to suffer morally from the words of a Brother, who continues on his way of molesting me, although I believe he is guided by charitable intentions. May God bless both of us! Amen. Joyful news of the progresses of the Congregation have come to me today. Thanks be to God!
- 20-Our Lord has sent ^{me} a lot of humiliations and interior mortifications in these past days, and has called on my heart by grat desires of recollection, mortification and study. While I am writing these lines-9'55 p.m.-amidst of the solitude and silence which is filling up completly this room, I feel myself happy with peace of soul and heart. Jesus and Mary are with me. And I am within their Hearts, more truly than I am in this room. The most Holy Trinity pervades my whole being; God is in me and I am in God, although I don't know how. Oh my Love and my All! When-I humbly pray-when would the day come in which I will know it clearly? I love Thee, I love Thee.!!
- 22-Here thay had a Missionary movie in the evening. I was strongly tempted to go to see it, but I preffered to deprived myself from that satisfaction, for the sake of my soul's recollection and to keep the promess made to our Lord of seeing not any more movie on the rest of my life, as far as it devends from my will. Instead of it I went to the Chapel, and having said the Rosary and three Our Fathers to our Holy Founder, for the Missioneries, I went to my room to study.
- 24-On several days I have devoted the last part of my morning meditation to the chapters "on the interior mortification" and "on humility", of the Holy

más de Ellas, y como nadie había de usar el altar en que las decía, quise usar unos minutos de acción de gracias y petición después de la primera y segunda; pero sin retirarme del altar, sino de pie junto a él. No llamaba tampoco la atención porque el altar está en la cripta. Luego-9'30-fuí de nuevo a Wilmington con el compañero de ayer a oficiar otra Misa Solemne. Hoy sí llegamos a tiempo.

3-No solamente hoy, sino casi todos los días he sentido en mi alma unos toques divinos tan suaves y delicados, que dejan al alma feliz.

9-Meditando esta mañana en uno de los números de la "Sp. Doctrine of Fr. Lallé-mant", en que trata de la verdadera humildad, tuve gran conocimiento de mi miseria y de como aun no soy verdaderamente humilde. Y esto es grandísima verdad, porque muchas veces, me sorprende en interiores complacencias sobre el éxito de algunas acciones, como explicaciones en las clases... y otras, en impaciencias, por algún contratiempo. Lo que es claro indicio de que mi amor propio esta muy vivo, y de que no esta mi alma libre aun de creaturas, aunque muchas veces me parezca claro y sienta lo contrario. J., M. y J. tened misericordia de mí!

16-A pesar del trabajo que me da la imaginación, esta mañana me sentí muy fervoroso en la meditación. Deseos de humildad y de unión con Dios. Así pedí a Jesús que me cambiara el corazón como lo hizo con algunos Santos, para que pudiera tener todas sus virtudes y ningún vicio. El fervor aumentó al decir la Santa Misa.

19-La meditación de esta mañana versó sobre los últimos números de la 2ª Morada de Sta. Teresa. Y parecióme que, por la gracia de Dios, hallome lejos de ella, sintiéndome más cerca del Señor. Por la noche ocupado en mis quehaceres científicos, me sorprendió una mariposita que con gran rapidez revoloteaba en torno a la luz de mi mesa, y se me ocurrió ser ella imagen de tantas almas que nunca llegarán a la perfecta unión con Dios, porque sin el necesario conocimiento y amor no se dirigen a Dios directamente y se transforman en El, andando revolotinado en torno a El, pero apartándose frecuentemente a descansar en las criaturas. ¡Pobre Jesús! ¡Pobres almas! ¡Señor que no sea yo necia mariposita! Amén.

20-Hoy a la una p. m. se han cumplido los dos años de nuestra llegada a Dominguez. En la Misa me acordé de hacer un memento especial por el Compañero de viaje. Por la tarde tuvimos los una charla sobre cosas espirituales, y le dije que, en ocasión oportuna, rezaríamos algunas oraciones de acción de gracias y de petición para el futuro. El P. Urrutia me dio hoy unos "slippers" muy buenos. Después de dudar un poco los acepté y el P. Superior me dió permiso para usarlos. Pero me pareció que era cosa superflua, pues me son suficientes los dos pares de zapatos. Con todo me los puse para ver como me estaban y con ellos me fuí a rezar el Breviario. Allí sentí más fuertemente una voz interna y clara que me aseguraba ser voluntad del Señor renunciar a ellos, por amor al sacrificio y a la pobreza. Al volver a mi cuarto los quité. Y los tengo preparados para devolverlos al Hermano que cuida de esas cosas, para que los entregue a quien los necesite.

21-Me ofrecieron predicar un retiro a Señoras en Alhambra, el 3 de Diciembre. Pero rehusé, porque estoy algo cansado, y sobre todo, porque debo todo el tiempo a las clases y al estudio del Inglés. Por estas razones principalmente, no me pareció bien aceptar la Novena a N. Sra. de Guadalupe que con carácter de misión me ofrecieron los PP. de S. Antonio, en Phoenix.

22-He ocupado el tiempo libre en copiar a máquina la mayor parte de la Cuenta espiritual para el P. Director. Añado las siguientes impresiones generales:

- 1) En las oraciones y meditaciones me ha seguido molestando bastante la imaginación, sobre todo algunos días.
- 2) He procurado cumplir los consejos que V.R. me dio en la última Cuenta. No usar de la imaginación en la meditación se me hace muy duro. Y ella generalmente da guerra, como he dicho, y molesta a las otras potencias.
- 3) La presencia de Dios-aunque la he sentido y procurado, como V.R. me dijo-no es sin embargo tan activa como deseara, quizá por andar demasiado preocupado con los estudios.
- 4) Mortificaciones he procurado hacer bastantes, aunque pequeñas y voluntarias. De esas para que la vida religiosa esta llena de ocasiones.
- 5) Debo hacer notar la protección especial del Sr. para entender y explicar las más difíciles problemas filosóficos, y resolver las dificultades. ¡A El infinitas gracias!
- 6) Mi perfeccionamiento en el Latín lo he encomendado a S. José. Y mi Inglés a Sta. Teresita. Para eso, hace como unos 15 días le comencé a rezar tres Padrenuestros cada día.

 --Ahora que la fecha de mi cumpleaños se acerca, quisiera hacer a J.M. y J. una promesa especial, incluyendo los siguientes puntos:

- 1-Elegir en todo y siempre lo que me parezca más perfecto, según la Voluntad de Dios.
- 2-No asistir a ninguna representación mundana, como cines o teatros, aunque se tengan en casa.
- 3-No tomar ninguna clase de licor, ni siquiera simple gaseosa.
- 4-No tomar nada de comida ni bebida-ni aun agua-fuera de comidas.
- 5-Nunca tomar sustancia alguna dulce, ni en las comidas, ni fuera de ellas.

No creo que se me hagan muy difíciles estas mortificaciones, puesto que hace tiempo las he practicado en casi su totalidad. Por otra parte, no intento, por ahora, obligarme a observarlas bajo ninguna clase de pecado. Los fines que tengo en mente son:

- Expiar los pecados propios. Y los ajenos, sobre todo los cometidos contra templanza, especialmente aquí en América.
- Llevar así mejor mi oblación y estado de Víctima de amor, y lograr cuanto antes la perfecta transformación.
- El cumplimiento más perfecto de mis SS. Constituciones.
- La Gloria de Dios y del C. de N. Madre dulcísima, a quienes tanto se ofende. Auxiliar a los Misioneros. La salvación de las Almas. Y la liberación de las que estén o hayan de ir al Purgatorio.

 Creo que por esta vez le he molestado ya bastante. Termino pues, con deseos de pasar por ahí y verle pronto, y encomendandome una vez mas a sus fervorosas oraciones. *Sus favcat!*

Siempre suyo in C.O.M.

José Gallego C.M.F.

J. M. J.



ACADEMY OF SAINT MARY-OF-THE-WASATCH
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Nov. 26, 1950

Dear Father Aloysius,

May Our Blessed Mother bless you abundantly especially on Her great Feast of The Immaculate Conception.

Thank you so much for all your prayers for me and I beg you to please include all my Family also in your intentions. Would you be so kind as to offer a Mass in Honor of Our Lady for all our needs - I'll be so grateful to you for your interest.

Dear Father, Our Lord is very good to me. I don't seem to be bothered so much with those worries and I thank you so much for your



interest in my poor soul
and your good prayers. I guess
I can't shake the worries off
entirely. I do read about
St. Gertrude. Do you think that
Our Lord would be as good
to anyone nowadays as He
was to her? You know
I have to leave immediately after
Mass every day to serve and
I forget about Our Lord. That
is such a poor way to treat
such a wonderful Person. Please
pray that I may make the right
effort so as not to do that
any more.

May Our Lord love and
bless you, dear Father Aloysius,
and may Our Lady of the
Assumption fill you with grace,
From your devoted Sister,
Sister Mary of the Passion.

ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL

1911 WEST THIRTIETH STREET

CLEVELAND 13, OHIO

November 27, 1950

Dear Father Ellacuria,

No telling when this page will reach you, for traffic has been tied up on account of the recent blizzard, and even now buses and cars are merely trickling through the streets. Lack of preparation for such a storm caused stores to close and school bells to be silent - this latter is all right with me.

About a month ago Sr. Dianne moved in from her married sister's in Madison to take up residence with the Gaertner's. You couldn't design a better home for her! Side entrance to a basement apartment, so that if Al and Margaret have company Sr. could have company too and no one upstairs would suspect it. In fact, the visitors who have come to see Al and Margaret do not know that Sister lives there.

As Fr. Bruho, S.V.D., said when he visited her last week - "Just like a little Convent all her own!" And she is happy in her new home - would be real happy were it not for the rumpus Evelyn Gavin kicked up when Dianne moved there.

Instead of rejoicing for Dianne's sake - better accommodations to get to Mass, not so far (the other place was a 43 mile drive) for her Director to travel, privacy, yet not all alone in the house - Evelyn seemed to blow a fuse, brought darkness of worry into the life of Sister. The threats of retaliation on those accountable for this change of residence frightened Sister more than a little bit.

That I was listed as No. 1 enemy for annihilation didn't cause me a moment's loss of peace, but it did make Sr. worry. For a while it looked as Evelyn's fury would include Dianne's Director. For Fr. Gabriel, O.F.M. Cap., had got in touch with his Provincial and almost scared him into taking the Director out of the picture. So far nothing as drastic as that has happened.

Such a trifling matter - change of residence (without consulting Evelyn and getting her approval was what hurt her feelings!) - such a trifling thing to blow up about. Another item of the same miniature size was magnified to gigantic proportions by Evelyn's fervid imagination - one day Sr. came to Cleveland and failed to telephone Evelyn! "Blackest ingratitude"...etc.! For over a week she had a private nurse in her home, because, as she told me over the phone, "of the great mental strain" she was suffering.

Meanwhile Sr. Dianne continues to pray fervently and suffer with the most edifying patience.

First Fridays and before the major Feasts Sr. has to bear extra sufferings. Her hands, feet, and side bleed. I've seen her hands oozing droplets of blood. Her all-out willingness to suffer to reclaim souls in truly admirable, but - that's about as far as I get or as close as I can get - I'd be afraid to imitate her. Funny, isn't it, what cowards some of us are! (I'm speaking about myself, understand.)

So much for Sr. Dianne. Have you seen my brother lately? I guess I owe him a letter. I feel confident that if the grace of God accumulates, like an avalanche it will knock him down and make him come to his senses about his duty to God, and the loss he has sustained by turning away from Him to make a success of himself in the world.

I'd say a visit with very little mention about religion would be effective. More might be said if you had them individually; together they must "save face", as it were, persist in their superior knowledge about religion and its demands.

Maybe you'll find time to write? - Fine!

Joe J. Gierardi, Jr.

J.M.J.

St. John's Hospital
Santa Monica
California
November 30, 1950

Reverend and dear Father Aloysius:
Dear Father:

Am enclosing some Mass stipends. One of the doctors gave in appreciation for the service he received one evening. He told me to have some Masses offered for my intention. I do hope the dear Lord will give him the gift of Faith. He is a very generous soul always doing something for some one else.

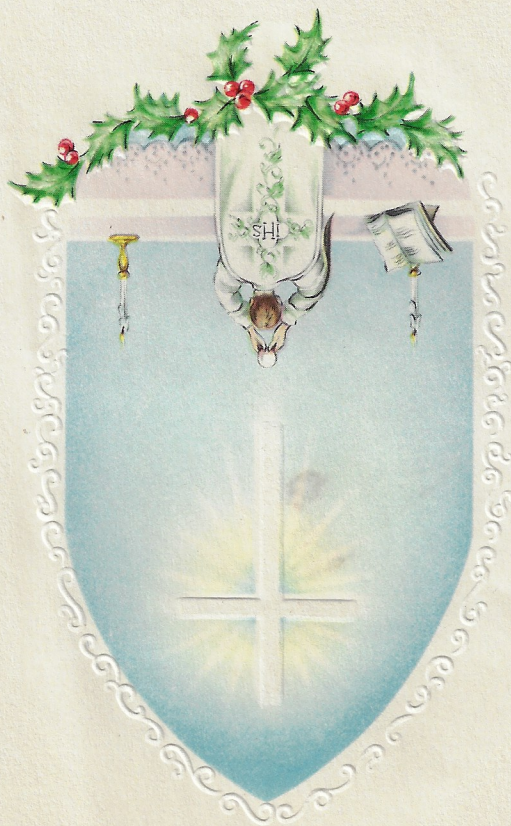
I am also enclosing a letter, for you to read, which I received a few days ago. I also gave it to a couple of the Doctors to read. They thought it a very spiritual letter.

One of the Doctors gave me a letter to read that had been written by a Newspaper Reporter. He had visited at the home of Mrs. Van Hoof a number of times. He was there on the feast of the Holy Rosary, October 7th. He said, "Regardless it had left a lasting impression on his little family".

In the Sacred Heart,

Sister Mary Eunice

Christmas
 God's Gift To You**
 May the spiritual beauty
 of Christmas...
 Bring most wonderful
 blessings to you;
 And may the peace
 and the joy of
 God's guidance
 Make your New Year a
 happy one, too!



Christmas Blessings



you from the depths of my heart that
all your fervent prayers for my cure have
been heard. Since I returned from my
Golden Jubilee visit to Los Angeles to see
you, and ask your blessing and prayers,
the bleeding of my larynx and throat has
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St. Anthony Claret, that you will re-

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One of the little things I gave me a glimpse of the
 from the Christmas Eve, I was giving the account
 of your jubilee, I hope, also, the good news
 of the conversion of your holy friends during
 holy year, I was happy to hear about it so soon
 need to tell me about David Clark
 truly he has been near and dear to the Universalist
 world, I will make a special notice in the
 number of holy friends, I will do over the
 that is only a mention in reading of the work
 of the many in heaven and on earth
 I hope you will still be about with some time ago
 you will be glad to hear he is happily married
 no his studies for the priesthood in the Dominican
 Order, he received the habit, the 1st Sept. his name
 no religion is Brother Thomas, a letter from him
 recently telling me he is very happy, the solemn
 his name is taking care of him in heaven,
 I hope you will excuse my shaky hand do with
 how I miss your good letters, do you hear from
 little sister in Maryland, do you hear from any more
 when you write to her tell her I love her and pray
 for her, also, to your good brother, I hope you
 A happy and holy Christmas to you and all yours
 Dear ones, God bless you and keep you always
 Ever truly your friend in Christ
 Sister in Maryland

J. M. D.

Dec. 2nd.

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father

It is like writing to a long lost
 Brother so long since I heard from you
 Oh I never thought you would forget
 You see I do not? I did hear you were
 ill, hope you have recovered, and feeling
 well again, I have reached the conclusion
 you worked so strenuous with the
 third degree, you told me about, along with
 your hard work, try not to over do oh
 we need priests be careful of your health
 in order to accomplish much for God
 and souls. I have been praying for you
 every day and your novices,

Do write and tell me all about yourself
 and your work.

I had a letter from Alberta, recently she
 seems much happier that her eyes are
 improving rapidly so also her general health
 I feel she will be real well soon, I think
 she should wait and be all well before
 trying to make any decision as to her future.



J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,
NOTRE DAME,
INDIANA.

Dec. 4th 1950

Rev. Aloysius Ellacuria C.M.F.

Rev. Dear Father.

It seems a long time since I heard from You hope You are well in this stormy world of ours. 1950 is near to close, it has been one of many sorrows, for a great many poor people, may God be praised & honored in all things.

The war is very sad, and very bad of late days. may God & His holy Mother, have pity on our poor boys suffering untold agony, at the hands of the cruel Chinmese, as well as from freezing temperature? how or where will it end no one knows at present.

I kept You and Father Joseph Mary, and all Your intentions in the rosary, during October, as well as intention in Novena, to Immaculate Conception, may Her Motherly Heart be moved to pity for Our poor boys in Korea, and restore peace soon and to the whole world.

enclosed find ^{two} Mass offerings, in Honor of the Sacred Heart & the Blessed Mother, in reparation, for grievous sins against His holy Tabernacles, & the Holy Eucharist in Korea and for all poor priests suffering in Europe, & Korea,



J. M. J.

ST. MARY'S CONVENT,
NOTRE DAME,
INDIANA.

also remember our poor boys who were killed,
an intention for Father Bennis who kindly sent me those
2 dollars, Thank You for Your good prayers for my niece
heard from her a few days ago she is in the Hospital since
the middle of October, to remain there till her baby is born
by the 21st ^{of Dec-} the Doctor kept her there for safety & treatment
she is doing nicely had a flare up of kidney but the Dr. -
got it in time she will be alright they have assured
her. I am grateful to You.

I have not heard from Alberta, for a long time hope she is
well and adjusted to her difficulty, I will write to her soon
take care of Your self. I will always keep You & Yours in my
prayers.

My prayers & wish for You.

A holy & Happy Christmas.

and to Billy Sutton. I'm sure he is very happy

as ever Your friend in J. M. J.

Sister M. Mildreda